

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; APRIL 15, 2013; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Roy Hollingsworth, Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman and Shedron Williams. Staff present: Sabrena P. Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Phillips.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 3.1.1 April 1, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes
- 3.1.2 ~~April 4, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes - Defer~~
- 3.1.3 ~~April 8, 2013 County Council Special Meeting Minutes – Defer~~

and the April 15, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda with the following revision(s): (1) Defer Items #3.1.2 and 3.1.3 until the next meeting, (2) Change one of the Park II to Park III in Item 9.1, (3) Delete Item #13.1.2, Hampton County Planning Commission's Request and (4) Change the wording in Item #4.2 and 10.1.1 from "Authorizing The County Administrator Or Her Lawfully Authorized Designee" to "Authorizing the Administrator or designee of Hampton County Council". Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT ON COMMUNITY NEEDS AND PRIORITIES FOR HOUSING, PUBLIC FACILITIES, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING HAMPTON COUNTY WILL PROVIDE THE RESULTS OF ITS NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND THE ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN TO MEET IDENTIFIED NEEDS, INCLUDING

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THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT PROPOSED TO BE USED FOR ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT PERSONS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities, and economic development. Michelle Knight, Lowcountry Council of Governments, explained the various programs that were available. Administrator Graham shared her input and council. There were no comments from the audience. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2013-007, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2013, OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$6,750,000; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE OF HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTES AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; TO ADOPT WRITTEN PROCEDURES RELATED TO TAX EXEMPT DEBT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance 2013-007. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2013-008, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THE ESTILL LIBRARY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN:

Chairman Gray opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2013-008. There were no public comments. Chairman Gray closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

CAPTAIN STEPHANIE BEAR, NATIONAL GUARD, REGARDING ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

Captain Bear and Colonel Tucker came before council to update council on the activities of the guard regarding the Ardent Sentry Exercise. Colonel Tucker also stated that the modules in which the county has stored at the armory has to be moved or some Memorandum of Agreement needs to be executed. Council thanked Colonel Tucker and Captain Bear for their service.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

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RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION #r2013-004, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF PARK I UNDER THE AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, PARK II AND PARK III AMONG ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY, BARNWELL COUNTY; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adopt Resolution #2013-004, A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to Expand the Boundaries of Park I Under the Amended and Restated Master Agreement for the Establishment of the Quad-County Industrial Park I, Park II and Park III Among Allendale County, Bamberg County, Barnwell County and Hampton County to Include Certain Real Property Located in Barnwell County; and Other Related Matters. Motion carried unanimously.

NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH PROCLAMATION:

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to adopt the proclamation recognizing the month of April as National County Government Month. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE #2013-007, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2013, OR SUCH OTHER APPROPRIATE SERIES DESIGNATION OF HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$6,750,000; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE OF HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE NOTES AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; TO ADOPT WRITTEN PROCEDURES RELATED TO TAX EXEMPT DEBT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO:

Chairman Gray stated that the public hearing was held earlier, and there were no pros or cons regarding the ordinance. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance #2013-007, An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2013, or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation of Hampton County, South Carolina, in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$6,750,000; Fixing the Form and Details of the Bonds; Authorizing the County Administrator or Designee of Hampton County Council to Determine Certain Matters Relating to the Bonds; Providing for the Payment of the Notes and Disposition of the Proceeds Thereof; to Adopt Written Procedures Related to Tax Exempt Debt; and Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion carried with Council Member Williams opposing regarding the language regarding council's designee.

THIRD READING REGARDING ORDINANCE #2013-008, AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF A GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AS REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THE ESTILL LIBRARY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to give third reading to Ordinance #2013-008, An Ordinance Regarding the Issuance of a General Obligation Bond as Required for Completion of the Estill Library United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Loan. Motion carried with Council Member Williams opposing.

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BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he attended the ROTC induction ceremony at South Carolina State for General Arnold Fields.

SEALS ON CORONER'S VEHICLE:

Administrator Graham provided the information that was supplied by the Coroner from the Attorney General's Office. It was stated that the coroner had the seal on his vehicle's back window but not on the doors. Council requested the County Attorney to research the matter to see if the coroner is in compliance.

CODIFICATION UPDATE:

Clerk updated council regarding the codification.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Certification of Local Government Approval for Non-Profit Organization from the Access Network, Inc. –

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to approve the endorsement of Access Network, Inc. Certification as a Non-Profit Organization. Motion carried with Council Member Williams abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER REGARDING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matter regarding the County Administrator's Employment Contract. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT:

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to agree upon the proposed employment contract and the contract is to be prepared by the County Attorney to be reviewed and signed by Council at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.